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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023 3:00 PM  
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**Cc:** Ruesch, Paul  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: La Salle Chemical Fire - Illinois EPA Sampling/Results  
  
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Yes, we will be hand delivering these to a number of homes in the area. Just awaiting final messaging on a letter being attached with the study.

Thank you,

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I believe Brent would be able to answer that. Based on our last call I thought the report was going to be shared with the public.

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Have the Brownfields results been shared with the residents? Particularly those whose yards were sampled?

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Thanks. I know Aaron and I had talked about waiting for official results. Last we talked to Mr. [REDACTED] (last week) we advised him that the samples came in without address and we were awaiting those and the of [REDACTED] results to match up. We advised him that he would be receiving letter from IDPH as well.

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Thanks Aaron. A bit of background: Mr. [REDACTED] states that he has had the Sierra Club look at the results and has asked the Sierra Club to sample his or his daughter [REDACTED] filter.

They are father and daughter and have both been e-mailing me expressing the same concerns:

**Non-Responsive - PII**

Attached is the report from the City of La Salle's contractor Brownfields. It shows results from [REDACTED] and I believe 15 other properties as well.

Thanks again,  
Rob

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Chris and I have discussed sending letters to the individual families whose properties were wipe sampled. I have the addresses now so we can help this family discern which results correspond to their yard, sidewalk, etc. Does anyone have an email or phone for the resident at [Non-Responsive - PII] That you can share? They likely are looking at the lab reports and seeing bolded results, which indicate a result above the lab reporting limit (not a health guideline).

Are the samples collected by Brownfields (?) on behalf of the City available?

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Hello,

Over the past few weeks I've received many e-mails from the same family of residents at [Non-Responsive - PII] and [Non-Responsive - PII] Street asking for additional sampling and the sample results that Illinois EPA had collected. Is Illinois EPA able to collect additional samples to provide closure to this release? The resident at [Non-Responsive - PII] FOIA'd the Illinois EPA sample results and claims his property has elevated exceedances of 43 chemicals. However, he doesn't know what sample is his. To resolve this confusion is there an anticipated time-frame when they can expect the Illinois EPA sample results? Or let them know what sample is theirs? Based on the last multi-agency meeting it sounded like the Illinois EPA samples were not concerning so maybe the sample he is speaking to is a facility sample?

Lastly, would it be possible for IDPH and LaSalle County Health to come up with a public releasable statement to describe the health implications of the incident? I assume the statement would address short term exposure from the fire, air monitoring, La Salle samples, and Illinois EPA samples. At this point I have been referring them to IDPH (217-782-5830 or [DPH.Tox@illinois.gov](mailto:DPH.Tox@illinois.gov)) to address health concerns but it would likely be easier to refer them to a statement, then call IDPH with additional concerns.

Thanks,  
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